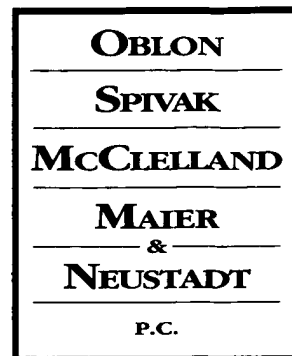




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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/697,035

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IN THE WAVELENGTH OF 1.1-1.7 MICROMETERS  
AND OPTICAL TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEM  
USING SUCH A LASER DIODE

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In response to the communication dated December 13, 2005, and further in response to the Election/Restriction Requirement contained therein, Applicants herein elect, without traverse, the species noted in the requirement to be Species IV, subspecies (a) noted in the requirement to be "A surface emitting laser array," and Applicants list Claims 63-78 as readable thereon.

In view of the present election/restriction without traverse, it is respectfully submitted that an action on the merits as to elected Claims 63-78 should be forthcoming.

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